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SUBJECT: USINFO

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POST WILL USE TO ANSWER PRESS QUERIES

1. EARLY MORNING MONDAY SOME TROOPS LED BY FORMER
LAO AIR FORCE GENERAL THAO MA CROSSED MEKONG STAGING
COUP IN VIENTIANE, ATTEMPTING TO OCCUPY AIRPORT AND
OTHER MILITARY INSTALLATIONS. OCCASIONAL FIGHTING
REPORTED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE CITY. SOME T-28
SORTIES WERE REPORTED. SITUATION SO FAR FLUID.

2. PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA IS SAFE.

3. POSITIONS WITH OFFICIALS, PRESS AND PUBLIC IS THAT
U.S. GOVERNMENT TAKES VERY SERIOUS VIEW OF THE ATTEMPT
AND REITERATES IN STRONGEST TERMS ITS SUPPORT
FOR PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA PHOUMA
AND FOR A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT IN LAOS.
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